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What the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Will Do To Advance Reform of Postsecondary Education

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How will you expand your role as a gateway to postsecondary education?

- Create a seamless pathway from the secondary system through four-year institutions
- Develop curriculum standards linked to employers, and ensure consistent quality and program coordination across KCTCS
- Team with state and local agencies that serve economically and educationally disadvantaged adults
- Provide comprehensive assessment and support services to include testing, advising, career and academic counseling, and financial aid
- Improve communication with middle and high school guidance counselors
- Expand colleges' collaborations through innovative scheduling and program design

How will you offer programs – occupational, technical, general education and basic skills – to all Kentuckians who need them?

- Use learning networks that incorporate distance-learning technology.
- Develop courses, clusters of competencies, and programs that integrate academic with experience-oriented education
- Instill concepts embedded in liberal arts and science courses throughout programs
- Make the most of community-driven efforts to consolidate community and technical colleges and share resources
- Work with other public and private adult education providers
- Implement an innovative system of remedial education

How will you further contribute to economic and community development?

- Serve as the umbrella for statewide linkages and partnerships in providing a skilled workforce
- Create connections among all with a stake in economic development
- Integrate the national-standard SCANS competencies – workplace skills – throughout the curriculum
- Encourage entrepreneurial skills across the curriculum
- Teach skills for employment and for certification programs
- Develop alliances to create shared curriculums that respond quickly to the changing global economy

How will you know whether you have done what you say you will do?

- Increase student referrals and assessments
- Expand secondary and baccalaureate transfer agreements – and ensure transfer within KCTCS
- Increase enrollment by 5,000 students by 2002
- Provide academic credentials for 8,000 employees in KCTCS training by 2002
- Increase retention and graduation rates
- Improve advancement of students who complete basic skills instruction
- Implement employer-driven curriculums
- Measure employer satisfaction
- Increase faculty development opportunities
- Assess types of companies served
- Measure number and quality of jobs created
- Increase number and scale of projects and collaborations that involve two or more companies
- Measure number of work-based opportunities created
- Increase short-term, customized training for business and industry
- Expand adult education